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Relations of Byelorussians with ABN

Discussing the relations of the Byelorussian emigration with ABN, Abramchik stated that minor groups of Byelorussian exiles were cooperating with ABN, but that, while he personally had been approached three years ago by its Ukrainian leaders to establish an understanding, he had refused.

As reasons for his refusal Abramchik advanced (a) the fact that his friendly relations with other Ukrainian groups, governmental, etc., made it indelicate for him to collaborate with the BANDERA crowd, and (b) that he had examined the literature put out by the ABN and had found it 'noisy' but not serious.

As regards RIDLEVSKI and his connections with the ABN, Abramchik stated that Ridlevski as a trade union militant was compelled to maintain close relations with the Ukrainians in the trade union movement, and since most of these belonged to the Bandera group and were consequently connected with the ABN, this not unnaturally created the impression that he was in contact with that organization. Actually, this was not so and Ridlevski followed Abramchik in refraining from collaborating with the ABN.

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